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The SPECTATOR.

Quære peregrinum vicinia rauca reclamat. Hor.

Monday, July 14. 1712.

SIR,

'AS you are Spectator-General, you may 'with Authority cenſure whatſoever 'looks ill, and is offenſive to the Sight; 'the worſt Nuſance of which Kind, 'methinks, is the ſcandalous Appearance of Poor 'in all Parts of this wealthy City. Such miſera-'ble Objects affect the compaſſionate Beholder 'with diſmal Ideas, diſcompoſe the Chearfulneſs 'of his Mind, and deprive him of the Pleaſure 'that he might otherwiſe take in ſurveying the 'Grandeur of our Metropolis. Who can without 'Remorſe ſee a diſabled Sailor, the Purveyor of 'our Luxury, deſtitute of Neceſſaries? Who can 'behold an honeſt Soldier that bravely withſtood 'the Enemy, proſtrate and in Want amongſt his 'Friends? It were endleſs to mention all the Va-'riety of Wretchedneſs, and the numberleſs Poor, 'that not only ſingly, but in Companies, implore 'your Charity. Spectacles of this Nature every 'where occur; and it is unaccountable, that a-'mongſt the many lamentable Cries that infeſt this 'Town, your Comptroller-General ſhould not 'take Notice of the moſt ſhocking, *viz.* thoſe of 'the Needy and Afflicted. I can't but think he 'wav'd it meerly out of good Breeding, chooſing 'rather to ſtifle his Reſentment, than upbraid his 'Countrymen with Inhumanity; however, let not 'Charity be ſacrific'd to Popularity, and if his 'Ears were deaf to their Complaints, let not your 'Eyes overlook their Perſons. There are, I know, 'many Impoſtors among them. Lameneſs and 'Blindneſs are certainly very often acted; but can 'thoſe that have their Sight and Limbs, employ 'them better than in knowing whether they are 'counterfeited or not? I know not which of the 'two miſapplies his Senſes moſt, he who pretends 'himſelf blind to move Compaſſion, or he who 'beholds a miſerable Object without pitying it. 'But in order to remove ſuch Impediments, I wiſh, 'Mr. SPECTATOR, you would give us a Diſcourſe 'upon Beggars, that we may not paſs by true 'Objects of Charity, or give to Impoſtors. I 'looked out of my Window the other Morn-'ing earlier than ordinary, and ſaw a blind 'Beggar, an Hour before the Paſſage he ſtands 'in is frequented, with a Needle and Thread, 'thriftily mending his Stockings: My Aſtoniſh-'ment was ſtill greater, when I beheld a lame 'Fellow, whoſe Legs were too big to walk 'within an Hour after, bring him a Pot of Ale. I 'will not mention the Shakings, Diſtortions, and 'Convulſions which many of them practiſe to gain 'an Alms; but ſure I am, they ought to be taken 'Care of in this Condition, either by the Beadle or 'the Magiſtrate. They, it ſeems, relieve their 'Poſts according to their Talents: There is the 'Voice of an old Woman never begins to beg till 'nine in the Evening, and then ſhe is deſtitute of 'Lodging, turned out for want of Rent, and has 'the ſame ill Fortune every Night in the Year. 'You ſhould employ an Officer to hear the Diſtreſs 'of each Beggar that is conſtant at a particular 'Place, who is ever in the ſame Tone, and ſucceeds 'becauſe his Audience is continually changing, tho' 'he does not alter his Lamentation. If we have 'nothing elſe for our Money, let us have more In-'vention to be cheated with. All which is ſub-'mitted to your Spectatorial Vigilance; and I am,

SIR,

Your moſt humble Servant.

SIR,

'I Was laſt *Sunday* highly tranſported at our 'Pariſh-Church; the Gentleman in the Pul-'pit pleaded movingly in Behalf of the poor Chil-'dren, and they for themſelves much more for-'cibly by ſinging an Hymn; and I had the Happi-'neſs to be a Contributor to this little religious 'Inſtitution of Innocents, and I am ſure I never 'diſpos'd of Money more to my Satisfaction and 'Advantage. The inward Joy I find in my ſelf, 'and the Good-will I bear to Mankind, make me 'heartily wiſh theſe pious Works may be encou-'raged, that the preſent Promoters may reap the 'Delight, and Poſterity the Benefit of them. But 'whilſt we are building this beautiful Edifice, 'let not the old Ruins remain in View to ſully 'the Proſpect: Whilſt we are cultivating and 'improving this young hopeful Offspring, let 'not the ancient and helpleſs Creatures be ſhame-'fully neglected. The Crowds of Poor, or pre-'tended Poor, in every Place, are a great Re-'proach to us, and eclipſe the Glory of all other 'Charity. It is the utmoſt Reproach to Society, 'that there ſhould be a poor Man unreliev'd, or 'a poor Rogue unpuniſhed. I hope you will think 'no Part of Humane Life out of your Conſidera-'on, but will, at your Leiſure, give us the Hiſtory 'of Plenty and Want, and the natural Gradations 'towards them, calculated for the Cities of *London* 'and *Weſtminſter*.

I am, SIR,

Your moſt Humble Servant,

T. D.

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Mr. SPECTATOR,

'I Beg you would be pleas'd to take Notice 'of a very great Indecency, which is extremely common, though, I think, never yet under your Cenſure. It is, Sir, the ſtrange Freedoms ſome ill-bred marry'd People take in Company: The unſeaſonable Fondneſs of ſome Huſbands, and the ill-tim'd Tenderneſs of ſome Wives. They talk and act, as if Modeſty was only fit for Maids and Batchelors, and that too before both. I was once, Mr. SPECTATOR, where the Fault I ſpeak of was ſo very flagrant, that, (being, you muſt know, a very baſhful Fellow, and ſeveral young Ladies in the Room) I proteſt, I was quite out of Countenance. *Lucina*, it ſeems, was breeding, and ſhe did nothing but entertain the Company with a Diſcourſe upon the Difficulty of Reckoning to a Day, and ſaid, She knew thoſe who were certain to an Hour; then fell a laughing at a ſilly unexperienc'd Creature, who was a Month above her Time. Upon her Husband's coming in, ſhe put ſeveral Queſtions to him; which he not caring to reſolve, Well, cries *Lucina*, I ſhall have 'em all at Night---- But, leſt I ſhould ſeem guilty of the very Fault I write againſt, I ſhall only intreat Mr. SPECTATOR to correct ſuch Mildemeanors.

For higher of the Genial Bed by far,
And with myſterious Reverence I deem.

I am, SIR,
Your Humble Servant,
T. Meanwell.

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